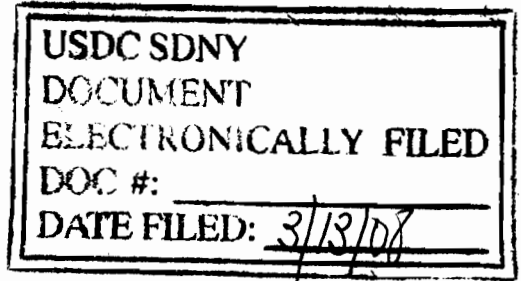


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



KELIN MANUEL FERMIN,

Petitioner,

-against-

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

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ORDER

THEODORE H. KATZ, United States Magistrate Judge.

This action for a writ of habeas corpus, filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255, has been referred to me by the Honorable Jed S. Rakoff, United States District Judge. Upon the Court's preliminary consideration of the petition herein, it is hereby:

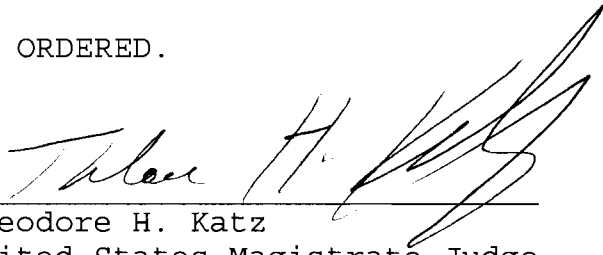
ORDERED, that the Clerk shall serve, by certified mail, a copy of this Order upon the petitioner.

ORDERED, that the Clerk shall serve, by certified mail, a copy of this Order and the petition herein upon the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York;

ORDERED, that respondent serve and file an answer to the petition by May 19, 2008; respondent shall address the merits of the petition and the satisfaction of any procedural prerequisites; and it is further

ORDERED, that any reply by petitioner to respondent's submissions shall be filed and served by June 18, 2008.

SO ORDERED.



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Theodore H. Katz  
United States Magistrate Judge

Dated: March 13, 2008  
New York, New York

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